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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SENSITIVITY TO REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE
 OF SCUDS IN SYRIA

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[REDACTED] PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN THE US
 OF THE PRESENCE OF SCUD MISSILES IN SYRIA HAS RAISED SERIOUS
 QUESTIONS IN ISRAEL, AND THE SUBJECT MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY
 KISSINGER DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO ISRAEL.

ISRAELIS QUESTION WHY THE SOVIETS WOULD IMPORT OR IMPLANT SUCH
 A WEAPON AS THE SCUD INTO SYRIA AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY IN THE
 MIDST OF A STEADY BARRAGE OF REPORTS OF VARYING INTENSITY TO THE
 EFFECT THAT THE SYRIANS WOULD INITIATE HOSTILITIES. THE ISRAELIS
 BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THIS WEAPON IN SYRIA IS MUCH MORE

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SERIOUS THAN IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMIST NATURE OF THE SYRIANS. THE PRESENCE OF THE TACTICAL FROG WEAPON HAS CAUSED DEEP CONCERN IN ISRAEL, BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE SCUD IS MUCH MORE SERIOUS.

COMMENT: PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN ISRAEL OF ANY SYRIAN CAPABILITY TO STRIKE AT POPULATED ISRAELI CITIES, AS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THE SCUDS, CLEARLY HAS IMMEDIATE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME PUBLIC RESPONSE TO POPULAR PRESSURE FOR INFORMATION ON AND ACTION AGAINST THIS THREAT.

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